

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, Dec 14th 1909

The Council was called to order by the Mayor : Roll called :

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Absent none.

The minutes of the last two regular meetings and subsequent Recessed meetings were read and approved .

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Clerk, the Marshal, the Assessor and Collector, the Health Officer and Asst, the matron of the Hospital the Sexton, which were read and ordered filed.

Unfinished business :

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance granting to the Austin Gas Light Co the right to construct and maintain an underground sewer in the City of Austin. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

New business :

On motion of Councilman Hart a pound fee paid by J M Wells was remitted and the Clerk of the Police Court was directed to return him the amount, \$ 1.50. by the following vote

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Powell offered a resolution fixing grades on Brazos street between 10th & 11th streets, which was read and laid over .

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the following grades be and the same are hereby established as the permanent grades of twenty-sixth street from Lampasas street to the east side of Wichita Avenue:

| | | |
|--|-------|-------------|
| West side of Lampasas street | 97.4 | Unchanged |
| 40 feet West of Lampasas street | 99.7 | " |
| 80 ft West of Lampasas street | 102.3 | " |
| East side of Wichita street | 119.0 | Cut 0.4 ft |
| Maximum fill between last two points | | 0.5 " |
| " Cut " " " | | 1.3 " |
| 40 feet West of Wichita street | 125.0 | Cut 1.5 " |
| 80 feet e " " " | 126.5 | " 1.6 " |
| 120 ft " " " | 127.4 | " 1.4 " |
| Center of alley between Wichita street and University Avenue | 127.7 | " 1.0 " |
| 80 feet east of University Avenue | 127.1 | " 0.9 " |
| East side of University Avenue | 126.0 | " 0.6 " |
| West side of University Avenue | 126.0 | Fill 0.6 " |
| 120 feet West of University Avenue | 126.7 | " 0.25 " |
| 160 ft " " " | 127.2 | Unchanged |
| 200 feet " " " | 128.3 | " |
| East side of Wichita Avenue | 138.6 | Fill 0.3 ft |
| Maximum cut between last two points | | 1.1 " |
| Bench mark at south west corner of 26th street & Speedway on top of fire plug. Assumed elevation 100. | | |

Gas Co Sewers

J M Wells pound fee

Grades 26th Street

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

*L A Robbins
Damages to Auto*

Councilman Powell presented a bill of L A Robbins ,for repairs to Automobile, caused by running into an open ditch at San Jacinto & 6th street, which was allowed and ordered paid by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following decl aration.

Austin, Texas , December 13th 1911.

*Bond purchased
X*

The undersigned Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Austin, here make decla-
-ration that on this 14th day of December, 1911, in our presence, Refunding
Bond No 345, in the amount of Five hundred (\$ 500.00) dollars ,dated July 1st
1901, and due July 1st 1931, together with all attached coupons beginning with
January 1st 1912, was destroyed by burning in the furnace at the City Hall in
this City.

We further here direct that this statement be recorded in the minutes of
the proceedings of the City council of th e City of Austin, Texas, as a record
of the above transaction.

A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

H L Haynes, Councilman

Jas P Hart, Councilman

E C Bartholomew, Councilman

P W Powell, Councilman .

The Council then recessed until this P M .

Thursday December 14th 1911 4 P M .

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present except
Councilman Bartholomew.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas satisfactory proof in the affidavit of J Stanley Ford has been sub-
-mitted to this Council to the effect that lots 5 & 6, Outlot 23 Division "D"
in Hosts addition to the City of Austin, Texas, wre, during the year 1909, exclu-
-sively used for educational purposes ,therefore,
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That said lots 5& 6, Outlot 23, Division "D", be and they are hereby declared
to be exempt from municipal taxation for said year 1909, and the Assessor &
Collector of the City of Austin ,Teax, is here authorized to take credit upon th
his assessment rolls for the year 1909 for the exemption herein and hereby
allowed.

*J Stanley Ford
Dares.*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas it is shown to the City Council of the City of Austin to its satisfac-
-tion by the affidavit of R S Lovinggood ,President of the Sam Huston College,
in this City, that lots Nos 3,4,5& 6, in Block 45, Outlot "B" City of Austin,
Texas, were on the first day of January of the present year, occupied and used ex-
clusively for educational purposes; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said lots Nos 3,4,5 & 6, in block 45, Outlot "B", City of Austin, Texas, be
and the same are hereby declared to be exempt from municipal taxation for
the year 1911.

*R. S. Lovinggood
Pastor*

*Mrs Alice L. Walden
Cases*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5 4
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:
Whereas, it appears to the City Council from the affidavit of Mrs Alice L Walden ,
owner and occupant of the premises hereinafter described ,that lots 1 & 2, Block 16,
Grooms Addition to the City of Austin, Texas, were on the first day of January 1910, and
for the whole of the year 1910, used exclusively for educational purposes; therefore,
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said lots 1&2, Block 16, Grooms addition to the City of Austin, Texas, be and the
same are hereby declared to be exempt from municipal taxation for the year 1910,; and,
Be it further resolved :

That the City Assessor and Collector of the City of Austin is hereby authorized to take
credit upon his assessment rolls for the year 1910 for the exemption of the property
herein allowed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart, Haynes & Powell 4
Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

*Wm
Von Rosenberg
Refunded for
and finished
work*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:
Whereas, we believe it to be a fact that Wm Von Rosenberg Jr, was chiefly
instrumental in the improvement of Duval street from about 25th street to
the City limits and beyond; and ,
Whereas, in addition to the work said Von Rosenberg induced the County to do upon
Duval street, he has done a great deal of work upon said street largely for the Public's
advantage as well as his own private good; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :
That one hundred and thirty five (\$ 135.00) dollars is hereby transferred from the
General fund of the City to the street fund and appropriated from said street fund
for and in behalf of reimbursing in part said Wm Von Rosenberg Jr, for the work done
by him and procured to be done by him on Duval street in this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart ,Haynes & Powell 4
Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Saturday December 16th 1911,

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present.
Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

*Resolution
Paving alley
bet 4th & 5th
St. repealed*

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :
That the resolution passed by the City Council on the 7th day of September 1911,
directing that the alley between 4th & 5th streets ,between Congress Avenue and
Colorado street ,and the alley between 4th & 5th streets ,between Congress Avenue and
Brazos streets ,be paved with wood blocks, be and the same is hereby repealed .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

*Miss McKelvey
taxes*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears to the satisfaction of the City Council of the City of Austin, by the affidavit of Miss M E Lelley, principal of the Kelley School in this City, that Lot 9, Outlet 34, Division "D", City of Austin, was, on the first day of January 1911, and thereafter during the year 1911, exclusively used for educational purposes; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said lot No 9, outlet 34, Division "D", and the improvements thereon situated, are hereby declared to be exempt from municipal taxation for the year 1911, and the Assessor & Collector of the City of Austin is hereby authorized to take credit upon the assessment rolls for the year 1911 by the amount of the exemption herein and hereby allowed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That nine & 54/100 dollars (\$ 9.54) erroneously paid by J J McKelvey upon the personal property of E E Zimmermann for the year 1910 under the wrong impression that said personal property tax was a debt against the Homestead which said J J McKelvey had acquired of said E E Zimmermann, situated upon Lots 16, 17 & 18, Block 7, Hyde Park, Austin, Texas, be refunded to the said J J McKelvey, and an appropriation of Nine & 54/100 dollars (\$ 9.54) is hereby made out of the General contingent fund of the City to cover this refund.

Be it further resolved :

That the Assessor & collector give credit against the homestead of said J J McKelvey for the taxes hereby remitted and charge the same to E E Zimmermann.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appearing to the City Council that the following named parties are now confined in the City jail under conviction for misdemeanor offenses and are due on fines certain balances, to-wit :

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Shugg Atkins -intoxication- balance | \$ 3.80 |
| Geo Payne -gaming.- balance | 17.80 |
| Wm McKay - intoxication- balance | 2.55 |

The defendant Sugg Atkins, is a negro woman and the City has no work for women and she is a dead expense to the City.

The defendant Geo Payne, is sick and full of disease and is totally unfit for work.

The defenant Wm McKay, is a negro boy about 17 years of age but is not able to do a Man's work, and it appearing to the best interest of the City that these parties be discharged, therefore upon recommendation of the Supt of Police and Public Safety:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the above fines be and they are each hereby remitted.

*Taxes paid by
J J McKelvey
from refunded*

Fines remitted

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the following grades be and the same is hereby established as the permanent grade of Brazos street from the south line of 11th street to the center of 10th street:

| | | |
|---|--------|-----------|
| South line of 11th street | 117.7 | unchanged |
| North side of alley between 10th & 11th streets | 114.1 | " |
| South " " " " " | 114.1 | " |
| Center of 10th street | 114.25 | Cut .65ft |

Be it further resolved :

That the following grade be and the same is hereby established as the permanent grade of the alley between 10th & 11th streets from the center of Brazos street to the east line of Congress Avenue:

| | | |
|--|-------|-------------|
| Center of Brazos street | 114.1 | Unchanged |
| West curb line of Brazos street | 113.0 | Fill 3.4 ft |
| West property line of Brazos street | 112.5 | 4.2 " |
| 40 feet west of Brazos street | 109.2 | " 3.2" |
| 80 ft west of Brazos street | 106.6 | " 3.0" |
| 120 ft west of Brazos street | 104.3 | " 1.6 " |
| East line of alley between Congress Avenue & Brazos street | 102.3 | unchanged |
| East line of Congress Avenue | 95.5 | " |

Bench mark top of fire plug at the southeast corner 11th & Congress Avenue. Assumed elevation 100.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Monday December 18th 1911.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present except Councilman Powell.

The mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

That a permit be and is hereby granted to the Capital City Auto Company of Austin, Texas, to erect and maintain at its place of business at 309-11-13 west sixth street, an electric sign of about the following description:

The sign is to be eight (8) feet in length and 3 feet (3) in height It is to be constructed of metal and wood. It is to contain on each side the word "Garage" in 14-inch letters, which letters are to be illuminated by six (6) electric bulbs to the letter, and below the word "Garage" are to be placed the words "Capital City Auto Company"

Be it further resolved :

That it is stipulated and made a condition of this permit that this sign is to be placed and kept in position under the supervision of the City Engineer, who is hereby instructed to adopt all reasonable precautions for the safe placing of said elevated sign.

Be it further resolved :

That the permit here granted is subject to revocation at any time at the pleasure of the City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4
Absent Councilman Powell 1

*Grades
Brazos st
10m to 11th*

*Electric sign
Capital City
Co.*

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

Whereas in response to an advertisement for bids to be received until 12 O'clock Noon, Tuesday Dec 5th 1911, for furnishing the City Water, Light and Power Plant for the year 1912, with about 1200 tons per month of Lignite Coal, or 50 to 75 barrels of Fuel oil of 42 gallons per barrel per day, the following bids were received:

For Lignite:

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| The Rockdale Lignite Company | \$ 1.38 per ton |
| American Briquette Company | 1.38 " |
| Ryan & Perry | 1.43 " |
| Austin Coal & Wood Company | 1.43 " |
| J A Griffith | 1.52 " |

For Fuel Oil :

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Magnolia Petroleum Company | 92 1/2 cents per barrel |
| The Texas Company | 93 cents per barrel |
| Ayres Oil Company | 94 cents per barrel |
| Gulf Refining Company | 97 cents per barrel |

And,

Whereas, the bids of The American Lignite Briquette Company and the Rockdale Lignite Company for lignite made in response to the advertisement, were equal (\$ 1.38 per ton); and whereas the Council was unable to decide to which company to award the contract, should Lignite Coal be chosen, and requested The American Briquette Company and the Rockdale Lignite Company, to submit new bids to be opened at 11 O'clock A M, Dec 18th 1911,; and,

Whereas, The American Lignite Briquette Company submitted a bid of \$ 1.46 per ton, and the Rockdale Lignite Company a bid of \$ 1.36 per ton; therefore,

Be it resolved that the contract for Lignite for the Water, Light and Power Plant of the City of Austin for the year 1912 be awarded to the Rockdale Lignite Company at \$ 1.36 per ton for Austin, Texas, and the mayor is authorized to sign contract and approve bond to be furnished by the Rockdale Lignite Company, for compliance with the contract.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Council then adjourned ,

Geo. Johnson
City Clerk

*Bids for Coal & Oil
with Receipt*

Contract awarded